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FOLTEL SENT ACTION BRUSSELS 23 JANUARY AND BEING
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FOR HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SEC VISIT - DINNER WITH AREILZA

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SENT ME, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE,
THE FOLLOWING INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE TOAST HE WILL OFFER
AT HIS DINNER ON SATURDAY EVENING:

"IT IS INDEED A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO WELCOME YOU AGAIN
IN THIS HOUSE THAT YOU KNOW SO WELL. YOU HAVE VISITED
MADRID FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN THE SHORT SPACE OF TWO YEARS.

"YOU HAVE HAD OCCASION TO SEE THE END OF AN OUTSTANDING
PERIOD AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY
OF OUR COUNTRY. AND YOU COME TODAY IN ORDER TO SIGN A
TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES WHICH EPITOMIZES OUR WILL TO COOPERATE IN THE
SAFEGUARDING OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND IN
THE RECIPROCAL RESPECT, ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS OF OUR

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RESPECTIVE INTERESTS AND SPHERES OF SOVEREIGNTY.

"THIS INTERDEPENDENT COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE FORBIDS ISOLATION, INDEED MAKES IT FRUITLESS. NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN EACH AND EVERY REGION OF THE WORLD ARE INTERLINKED AND ARE, OF NECESSITY, ETCHED AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A PRECISE GEO-POLITICAL AREA. OUR GOVERNMENT HAS OPTED FOR ITS OWN, WHICH AGAIN IS THAT OF THE WESTERN WORLD, OF FREE NATIONS, OF THOSE PEOPLES WHO BELIEVE IN HUMAN FREEDOM. THUS OUR TWO COUNTRIES RENEW TODAY, IN THIS TREATY WHICH HAS YET TO BE SUBMITTED TO APPROVAL BY BOTH PARLIAMENTS, THEIR INTENTION TO SERVE FULLY THE IDEALS DEFINED BY OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES SIGNED IN JULY 1974, DUE TO THE ILLNESS OF GENERALISIMO FRANCO BY THE ACTING CHIEF OF STATE, THEN PRINCE OF SPAIN, NOW H.M. KING JUAN CARLOS I.

"YOU ARRIVE AT THE START OF 1976, JUST AS YOUR POWERFUL NATION IS PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE TWO HUNDRED ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, CONSIDERED CENTURIES AFTER, TOGETHER WITH YOUR CONSTITUTION, THE MOST OUTSTANDING POLITICAL INSTRUMENT EVER CONCEIVED ON A SINGLE OCCASION BY THE MIND OF MAN, TO RECALL GLADSTONE'S MEMORABLE SAYING.

"THE FOUNDING FATHERS WANTED TO GUARANTEE THE POLITICAL LIBERTY OF MEN WILLING TO LIVE TOGETHER. TO OBTAIN THIS GUARANTEE THEY ESTABLISHED A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM ADEQUATE TO ALLOW FREEDOM TO FLOURISH WITHIN IT. WITH THIS IN MIND THEY SAW TO IT THAT THE NEW-BORN GOVERNMENT WAS FIRM AND STRONG, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE COMMON FEELING OF THOSE GOVERNED OR TO THE RESPECT DUE TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

"I AM SURE YOU KNOW ALL THIS ONLY TOO WELL, BUT I WANT TO BRING THESE THOUGHTS TO MIND TODAY BECAUSE WHILE YOU, CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MUST PONDER UPON THE HISTORICAL PROCESS WHICH IS STILL WONDERFULLY ALIVE AFTER TWO CENTURIES THANKS TO YOUR PRAGMATISM - AN APPROACH WHICH ALLOWS THE CONTINUOUS REFORM AND PERLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FECTION OF YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THE ESSENCE OF YOUR SYSTEM - THAT IS TO SAY THE PROTECTION OF THE POLITICAL FREEDOM OF ALL CITIZENS - WE IN SPAIN START ON THE PATH OF ANOTHER INTERNAL PROCESS WHICH IS IN SOME RESPECTS A PARALLEL. IN THIS PROCESS THE MONARCHY, TEN CENTURIES OLD, LEGAL HEIR TO THE CONTINUITY OF THE STATE ON THE DEATH OF FRANCO, INTENDS TO DEVELOP AND PERFECT THE EXISTING INSTITUTIONS BY

MEANS OF DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION, OFFERED TO ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, GUIDED BY THE PROTECTION AND GUARANTEE OF POLITICAL FREEDOM, THE RESPECT OF THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, HAVING AS ITS END THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRONG AND STABLE GOVERNMENT, ABLE TO SHIELD THE COMMUNITY FROM THE TOTALITARIAN TEMPTATION AND MENACE. ALL THIS FOLLOWING THE BASIC PRINCIPLE THAT NATIONS SHOULD GOVERN THEMSELVES FREELY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR INTERESTS AND FREE WILL, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR SOVEREIGN CONDITION.

"SUCH IS, MISTER SECRETARY, BROADLY SPEAKING, OUR PRESENT NATIONAL ENDEAVOUR; IT WAS SO DECLARED IN THE KING'S MESSAGE, IN THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM AND WILL BE DEFINED MORE PRECISELY IN THE FORTHCOMING SPEECH THAT OUR PRIME MINISTER MR. ARIAS NAVARRO WILL ADDRESS TO THE CORTES AND TO THE COUNTRY ON JANUARY 28. OUR PURPOSE IS TO ADAPT, WITHIN A FULL RESPECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF OUR PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER, THE INSTITUTIONS WE HAVE TODAY AND OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM TO WHAT THE SPANISH PEOPLE DEMANDS AT THE PRESENT MOMENT. SPAIN IS TODAY, THANKFULLY, A NEW COUNTRY FULL OF JUVENILE ENERGY BUT ALSO MATURE IN THE AWARENESS OF ITS RESPONSABILITIES; WE WANT TO LIVE PEACEFULLY AND CARRY ON ALONG THE PATH WE STARTED A LONG TIME AGO OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS AND JUSTICE.

"WE WANT YOU TO LEAVE OUR COUNTRY WITH THIS IMAGE OF SPAIN IN MIND, A COUNTRY WHICH HAS BECOME A MODERN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY RANKING TENTH AMONG THE INDUSTRIALISED NATIONS OF THE WORLD. SPAIN'S JOINING IN THE COMMON TASKS OF EUROPE AND PARTICIPATING IN THE STRATEGIC RESPONSABILITIES BOTH OF THE ATLANTIC

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OCEAN AND OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, ARE PRIMORDIAL ELEMENTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE STABILITY AND THE BALANCE OF POWER IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES AT PRESENT,

"YOU, MR. SECRETARY, WHO KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT METERNICH AND ABOUT HIS OBSTINATE YET WILL BALANCED EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD IN THOSE DISTANT DAYS WHAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT - SINCE IT WAS PART OF THE TREASURE OF CIVILISATION AND HUMAN CULTURE - IN THE FACE OF THE UNAVOIDABLE ADJUSTMENTS OF THE BALANCE OF POWER, WHICH TAKE PLACE PERIODICALLY IN THE COURSE OF HISTORY MUST SURELY UNDERSTAND ALL THAT THIS TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION MEANS FOR THE RESPECTIVE INTERESTS OF SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

"I WOULD LIKE TO FINISH BY PAYING PUBLIC TRIBUTE TO THE NEGOTIATORS OF THIS DOCUMENT. FIRST OF ALL MY PREDECESSOR PEDRO CORTINA, WHO SIGNED WITH YOU IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WHICH HAS SERVED US AS THE BASIS FOR THE FINAL NEGOTIATION. AND ALSO TO THESE MAGNIFICENT TEAMS ON BOTH SIDES, WHO HAVE SHOWN UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT EVEN AFTER MANY HOURS OF EXHAUSTING WORK AND DISCUSSION THE DEFENCE OF THE NATIONAL INTEREST IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE HIGHER PERSPECTIVE OF A FRIENDSHIP WHICH LINKS OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE COMMON COURSE OF HUMAN FREEDOM.

"ALLOW ME, MR.SECRETARY, TO RAISE MY GLASS AND TOAST PRESIDENT FORD AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. AND TO WISH YOU PERENNIAL HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY."
STABLER
UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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